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MISCELLANEOUS.

Harper, for May, contains the following amusing correspondence:

A "Victoria" correspondent presents himself again with this interesting epistle:

"As you kindly published an anecdote sent by me a few months since, concerning Captain Tom Wright, I furnish you now another one."

"During the winter of 1858 the worthy colony of British Columbia was suddenly thunder-struck by the announcement that a civil war of the most bloody character was being waged at Fort Yale, between the local authorities and a party headed by the notorious Ned McGowan. With their peculiar ideas of the lawless nature of the Americans; the Government saw no hopes of safety except in the immediate transmission of a large body of troops to the scene at once. The little steamer Enterprise was at once called into requisition, and the commander of the land forces, Colonel Moody, with most of his officers and about forty men, accompanied by Chief Justice Begbie, to pass sentence upon the rioters when overpowered, proceeded to the scene of action."

Now Captain Tom having really been the originator of the terrible reports from above, in order to secure a job for his steamer, felt somewhat troubled about the result. So, in order to allow the thing time to blow over, at the expiration of the first day's trip he ran his steamer aground, and under pretense that the river was too shoal for her passage, kept her there about a week. Of course he had laid in an ample stock of the necessities of life—viz., Champagne and other spiritual decoctions; and these, aided by his inexhaustible fund of humor, made the time pass far from unpleasantly with his warlike guests. During the first evening, after a free circulation of brandy bottles and other similar "elevators," the host proceeded to conduct his passengers to their quarters for the night. Having generously given up his own room (the only state-room on board) to Colonel Moody, he pointed to the half dozen shelf-like berths which lined the cabin, in which they were, and requested the remainder to distribute themselves as they saw fit, setting the example himself. When they had succeeded in disrobing themselves, in accordance with his suggestion, Captain Tom, who was as agile as a circus performer, thought he would astonish them by a few feats of "ground and lolly tumbling." His first "somersault" resulted in his planting his feet directly in Judge Begbie's stomach on the top berth, and in trying to save himself from falling, he seized the honorable gentleman by his lower extremities, and succeeded in pulling him out of bed. The scene is now said to have been ludicrous in the extreme. Peals of laughter rolled through the vessel. The honorable Judge himself joining heartily, although at the expense of his dignity; while, to cap the climax, the night-capped countenance of Colonel Moody protruded from the state-room adjoining, wet with tears from his uncontrollable laughter.

"This is but a faint specimen of the manner in which the week passed away; at the expiration of that time the steamer proceeded to Fort Hope. The troops were landed, and marched to Fort Yale. The sum and substance of the 'insurrection' was found to be that 'Ned McGowan' had set two Justices of the Peace at loggerheads, and one had attempted to arrest the other; and the campaign was gloriously closed by the officers of the party being invited to dine with 'Ned' himself, and unanimously voting him a 'denied good fellow.'"

"For his part in the transaction Captain Tom quietly pocketed six or seven thousand dollars."

A wayward son of the Emerald Isle left the bed and board which he and Margaret, his wife, had occupied a long while, and spent his time around rum shops, where he was always on hand to count himself "in" whenever any body should "stand treat." Margaret was dissatisfied with this state of things, and endeavored to get her husband home again. We shall see how she proceeds.

"Now, Patrick, my honey, will you come back?"

"No, Margaret, I won't come back."

"And won't you come back for the love of the children?"

"Not for the love of the children, Margaret."

"Will you come back for the love of myself?"

"A river at all. Way will ye."

Margaret thought that she would try another inducement. Taking a pint-bottle of whiskey from her pocket, and holding it up to her truant husband, she said, "Will you come home for the drop of whiskey?"

"Ah me darling," said Patrick, "unable to withstand such temptation, 'tis yourself that'll always bring me home again—ye has such a winning way wid ye, I'll come, Margaret."

Margaret declares that "Patrick was reclaimed by moral coercion."

The late Professor D., prior to his appointment to his chair, was rector of an Academy in Forfarshire (Scotland). He was particularly reserved in his intercourse with the fair sex; but in prospect of obtaining a professorship, he ventured to make proposals to a lady. They were walking together, and the important question was put, without preliminary sentiment or note of warning. Of course the lady replied by a gentle "No!" The subject was immediately dropped; but the parties met again.

"Do you remember," at length said the lady, "a question which you put to me when we last met?"

"The professor said that he remembered."

"And do you remember my answer, Mr. D.?"

"Oh, yes," said the professor.

"Well, Mr. D.," proceeded the lady, "I have been led on consideration to change my mind."

"And so have I," replied the professor. He maintained his bachelorhood to the close.

If you wish to learn all your defects, quarrel with your best friend, and you will be surprised to find what a villain you are, even in the estimation of a friend.

A torn jacket is soon mended, but hard words tear a child's heart.

The London Times pointed out that America has heretofore industriously vindicated all the principles and precedents which now go to the contradiction of her own belligerent rights. It says she upheld privateering and denied the right of search, and both these are now turned against her.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

The Perth Courier says:—One day last week a young lad brought a piece of quartz rock to Mr. Lilly's Foundry in Perth to get smelted, which was done, and about sixteen pennyweights of bright yellow metal was procured. This the lad took to Mr. Northgraves, watchmaker, to get tested, when it was found to be pure gold. The lad refused to tell his name, or the place where he had found the sample, and merely remarked as he left, that "his fortune was made." We believe it is now an established fact that the neighborhood of Perth is rich in mineral wealth. Look out for the gold mine.

The Montreal Herald says:—A few nights ago a child about two years and a half old, the daughter of a Mr. Banks, residing in St. Philip's street, had her stomach filled with cockroaches, which crept in at her mouth while sleeping. The poor little girl became suddenly ill, and in spite of every remedy used for the destruction of the vermin, they continued to live and gnaw her vitals, and death ended her terrible sufferings the night before last.

Mr. Hogan—The parties accused of the murder of Mr. Hogan have all been committed for trial at the present assizes. There seems to be very little doubt of their guilt.

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Montreal has published a pastoral address to his clergy and laity of his diocese against the taking of exorbitant interest. The bishop says that he asked directions of the Pope on the subject, and the answer is a distinct and emphatic denunciation of the practice of taking large interest. The Pope is right in this.

The Census.—The Montreal Pilot mentions a number of curious incidents. In a house in Campan street, Montreal, there reside three persons, who attend to themselves, and do their own work without the aid of a servant, whose joint age is two hundred and eighty-six years. Mr. D. was 101 years and eight months; Mrs. D. was 85 years and 9 months; and their son, Mr. G., was 80 years and 9 months. Mr. D. is a well known assessor at the city as "Old Granny" is eighty-eight.

Church in Montreal.—We are pleased to learn that at a meeting of the Trustees of the Quebec Wesleyan Church, it was resolved that the church be held in mourning during one month for the death of the Duke of Kent, and as a mark of sincere sympathy with Her Most Gracious Majesty in this, her great family affliction.

Sir Allan MacNair.—The petition against the return of Sir Allan MacNair to the Legislative Council for the Western Division being informal in the matter relating to securities, was rejected, and Sir Allan maintains his seat for the eighth year for which he is elected.

It is reported, says the New Nation, that gold has been discovered between the mouth of the Tanager River and Nepe's Harbor, on the east coast than where it was found last summer.

The Montreal Daily Commercial Advertiser says that there is no doubt of the fact that Sir E. W. Heild will leave Canada shortly after the conclusion of the present session of parliament, and that his successor has been already appointed and will arrive early in June.

A man recently died suddenly in Toronto, C.W., who was in the habit of consuming a pound of Opium daily for ten years prior to his death. He was subject to fits, and found the pills the only remedy for them. Some druggist has lost an excellent customer.

Prince Alfred will visit Canada this summer, about the middle of June.

LATER FROM AUSTRIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

The way of the Sandwich Islands have news from M. Bourne, to the 23rd of March, brought by the ship L. Ombud, 50 days from that port to Honolulu, at which last place she arrived on the 17th of May. The Australian passengers for San Francisco by this vessel numbered 12 in 1st cabin; 25 in 2nd cabin; and 192 in the steerage—total 1409.

The Phoenician gives the following summary of news from Australia and New Zealand received by the locomotive.

A rather monstrous insect has been found at the Bendigo (Victoria) diggings, in a cup-shaped place called "Dead Bull's Gully." The insect was found in old ground that had probably been turned over innumerable times before. It weighs 375 oz. 14 dwts. of its pure gold as ever came out of the ground. The finders are Mr. Knott and his son.

The Rev. Mr. Chubb of Maidland [N.S.W.] had been sentenced to twelve months' hard labor, for illegally solemnizing a marriage.

The news from New Zealand is to the 10th of March from Nelson, and to the 12th from Taranaki. The war was active, and on both sides. The English had been reinforced, and were gradually extending their lines. On the 12th a flag of truce had been hoisted by the Maoris, but the nature of the communication had not been learned. The engineering operations before the Pah Pukerangia proceed steadily and surely; the place must be taken in a few days; it will probably be taken on the night of the 20th of February.

A party of natives crept up to the advanced camp, set fire to some cabins, and it is said filled in a considerable portion of the trench. Having accomplished their purpose, they favored the troops with a yell of defiance and a flying volley, after which they speedily decamped. The town of New Plymouth appears to be more closely invested than ever; the surrounding parties burn houses, murder the solitary settler, and seize cattle within a mile of the entrenchments.—Bulletin.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Co.—The Managers of the Pacific Mail Company, in declaring their half-yearly dividend of 5 per cent, accompany their dividend with a report explaining the present condition and value of the property. As they were deprived by Government to the North Pacific (Oregon) mail contract, they sold out their steamships between San Francisco and Portland Oregon, six in number, for \$250,000. These had stood on their books at a valuation for mail service of \$561,512. Since the last annual report, the John L. Stephens has been condemned, and her valuation marked down from \$191,000 to \$33,000, the worth of the machinery, etc., on breaking up the ship. The valuation of the steamer Washington has been reduced \$20,000. The three items, making \$48,572, are now marked off to Profit and Loss, and the amount taken from the surplus fund of the Company, still leaving \$201,283 in cash for the present dividend.—ib.

A destructive fire occurred at Wisconsin Hill, Placer County, Cal., on June 3d, which destroyed thirteen buildings, of the aggregate value of \$12,200. The fire was supposed to have been caused by an incendiary.—ib.

The steamship Persia arrived Saturday evening, the 18th May, off Cape Race, [with dates probably to Sunday, the 12th May, via Queenstown, Ireland.]

A large quantity of war material was refused by the Persia as freight.

It was reported that letters of marque had reached London and Liverpool. It was also reported that vessels had left with them. This was doubtful.

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